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The application is a continuation-in-part of co-pending application serial number 09/251,955, filed February 17, 1999, abandoned, which was a continuation-in-part of copending application serial number 08/473,168, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,919,676, which was a continuation-in-part of copending application serial number 08/250,885, filed May 31, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 6,140,087, which was a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/080,727, filed June 24, 1993, abandoned. This application also is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/719,217, filed September 25, 1996, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,080,569, which is a continuation-in-part of copending application serial number 08/473,168, filed June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,919,676, which is a continuation-in-part of copending application serial number 08/250,885, filed May 31, 1994, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,140,087, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial number 08/080,727, filed June 24, 1993, abandoned.

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Oath/Declaration

A new Declaration/Power of Attorney is provided herewith.

35 USC § 103 Rejections

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4, 8, 9, and 13-15 under 35 USC § 103 as being obvious in view of Yang et al., Mack et al., Kass-Eisler et al., and Graham et al. (WO 98/13510).

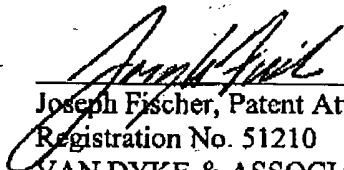
By the amendment of specification above, Applicant claims priority to the Graham et al. application serial number 08/719,217, from which Graham et al. publication, WO 98/13510, arose. This removes Graham et al. (WO 98/13510) as a reference, and accordingly obviates the above-noted 35 USC § 103 rejection of claims 1-4, 8, 9, and 13-15.

A declaration will be provided, upon request by the Examiner, to overcome any possible difficulty with regard to differing entities in the present application and application serial number 08/719,217. It is noted that there are two common inventors, and one inventor of application serial number 08/719,217 is not an inventor in the present application.

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All grounds for rejection having been addressed and overcome herein, it is respectfully urged that this application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that there remain valid grounds on which any of the pending claims, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be accorded the courtesy of a telephonic or in-person interview to address and overcome any such remaining grounds for rejection.

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